

REGAIN GROUND
AT BULLECOURT

British Bombed Their Way
into Somewhat Better
Positions

WHERE GERMANS
MADE HARD DRIVE

On Remainder of the Front
There Is Little of Interest, Says Haig

London, Dec. 14.—"Our troops improved their position slightly east of Bullecourt as a result of bomb fighting," says an official statement. "On the remainder of the front there was nothing of special interest."

London, Dec. 14.—There was bitter fighting lasting almost the entire day Wednesday east of Bullecourt, where the Bavarians attacked British positions, according to a Reuter dispatch from British headquarters in France. As the result of the attack, the enemy remained in possession of some ground he had taken early in the assault. "But to say he is holding our trenches," the correspondent adds, "is incorrect, simply because there are no trenches left."

SAY BRITISH FAILED

In Trying to Recapture Trenches East of Bullecourt.

Berlin, via London, Dec. 14.—British troops endeavoring to recapture the trenches they had lost east of Bullecourt on the Cambrai battle front were beaten back yesterday, the German staff announces. In eastern France the French artillery fire increased.

ON HIS WAY TO FRANCE.

Major-General Leonard Wood Sent by War Department.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Permission was granted yesterday by the war department to make the following announcement: "Major-General Leonard Wood is on the way to France."

TEUTONS CAPTURE

SOME TRENCHES

Italians Lost Positions on Col. Beretta and Summit of Monte Spinnucina.

Italian Headquarters, Thursday.—(By Associated Press).—After three days' fighting on the mountain front between the Brenna and Piave rivers, the enemy is holding some trenches on Col. Beretta and the summit of Monte Spinnucina, but all the rest of the Italian line is in its original position.

The backward action continues to be an important factor. The Piave had nearly run dry, obliterating the water barrier, and water in the inundated section along the lower Piave also had fallen in the last two days has again filled the river and effectively flooded the inundated section.

INVITED TO ST. JOHNSBURY.

The Vermont State Grange May Meet There in 1918.

Burlington, Dec. 14.—The 46th annual session of the Vermont state grange was brought to a close yesterday. Several resolutions were adopted, among which was one directing the officers of the grange to convert the \$10,000 worth of Liberty bonds bought by the grange into four per cent bonds.

The educational committee reported that its funds total \$25,17 and that its work was progressing favorably. The sum of \$700 was appropriated for the work of grange lecturers.

The Patrons Co-operative Disability association will be organized as soon as 300 or more have signed their intention of joining. This association will insure financial protection against sickness and accident.

It is probable that the convention of 1918 will be held at St. Johnsbury, an invitation having been received from that town.

An important feature of the closing session was the appointment by worthy Master W. N. Gady of a committee consisting of Gordon McQuigley of Middlebury, W. G. Stafford of Enosburg Falls and George Terrill of Morrisville.

CHRISTMAS LEAVE
FOR AYER SOLDIERS

Order of the War Department Does Not Affect Camp Devens, Is Statement Just Received.

Ayer, Mass., Dec. 14.—The war department order restricting Christmas leave will not affect the members of the national army at Camp Devens, so per cent of whom will be allowed to spend the holiday at home. The officers to-day received a dispatch from Washington, stating that the order did not apply to this contingent.

MONTPELIER

Humane Society Sends Out Information About New Law.

Dr. W. W. Brock, president of the Washington County Humane society, and his associated officers have sent to different towns in the county some 1,500 circulars to be posted in the various public places in each town, advising the public the extent to which the humane officers may go under the new law enacted last winter by the legislature, relative to the care of animals, and that an officer, with two reputable citizens, can kill a beast under certain conditions. The owner must bear the expense. They have also sent the same number of circulars pertaining to the care of horses.

Glenn Wilkins of Morrisville was in the city to-day.

The nurses' dance given in the Bailey hall Wednesday evening, realized a good sum of money for a nurse who has been in the sanatorium in Pittsford for treatment. The exact amount is not yet known.

CONFLICTING STORIES
OF RUSSIAN BATTLE

Both Sides are Claiming Victory Near Bielgorod—Black Sea Fleet Commander Calls on His Men to Fight Kaledines.

Petrograd, Thursday, Dec. 14.—In a battle near Bielgorod, according to a Bolshevik staff report, General Korniloff's Cossacks were defeated. They retreated to Vasilika. In connection with the battle at Rostov, the evening newspapers report the Cossacks as victorious, the Bolshevik forces having retreated across the Don river.

The staff report of the Bielgorod fighting says that General Korniloff has disappeared. The commander of the Black Sea fleet, called upon to sail to fight against Kaledines, declaring that Kaledines, together with the allied imperialists, has declared civil war.

AT RIPE OLD AGE.

Judge Thomas C. Robbins of Rutland Died Last Night.

Rutland, Dec. 14.—Judge Thomas C. Robbins, who had been prominent in the life of Rutland since the Civil war, died last night at 10:40 o'clock after an illness since Tuesday. He was 91 years and one month old.

Judge Robbins was born in Farmington, Me. During his youth he was employed in coach and carpet mills in Clinton, Mass. Later he went to Philadelphia, where he was connected with the Hornerman Sons, well known manufacturers. In 1865 Judge Robbins came to Rutland and in connection with James K. McLean, his brother-in-law, he published the Rutland Independent, a weekly newspaper, for some time. Later he was connected with the marble industry.

For 30 years Judge Robbins was probate judge of Rutland county, retiring from that office when he was 82 years old. Since that time he had been president of Evergreen Cemetery association and for the last few years a director of the Rutland Savings bank.

When Rutland city was organized, Judge Robbins was one of its first officers and for years he served as alderman, even after he was 80 years old, always standing for good government.

A prominent Odd Fellow, Judge Robbins was a trustee of the Gill Odd Fellows' home in Ludlow. He was also affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, in which he had held office.

He leaves a daughter, Mrs. F. Ross, with whom he lived; one son, Frank C. Robbins of Kansas City; four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

LANDED ON MARBLE SLAB.

Mrs. Emily Knapp, 85, Badly Injured at Rutland.

Rutland, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Emily Knapp, widow of H. C. Knapp and mother of Frank W. Knapp of No. 15 Madison street, was seriously and possibly fatally injured yesterday morning when she fell the entire length of a flight of cellar stairs at the home of her son, striking on a marble slab at the base of the stairs. Mrs. Knapp is 85 years of age, and, aside from the shock, she suffered a deep scalp wound, a badly bruised side, which may include a broken rib, and a bruised ankle.

HIT BY RUNAWAY HORSE.

Mrs. I. Sumner of Brattleboro Escaped Serious Injury.

Brattleboro, Dec. 14.—While crossing Main street yesterday afternoon Mrs. I. Sumner was run into and knocked down by a runaway horse and while no bones were broken, Mrs. Sumner was stunned and badly shaken up. She was taken to a nearby drug store where Dr. Harry P. Greene and Dr. H. L. Waterman attended her. The horse was a young animal which got away from Arthur Gagner and there was no vehicle attached at the time of the accident.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Supt. C. F. Miller of the M. & B. L. & P. Co., who has been seriously ill at his home on Cliff street for the past two weeks, was able to be downtown yesterday.

Barre's water resources were never in better condition, according to the new superintendent of the water department, who foresees a winter in which the supply will be wholly adequate. At the Orange reservoir the water is flowing a heady stream over the dam. Bolster reservoir is filled to the brim and the same is true of the Martin brook basin. Storage facilities at the Bolster plant have been materially improved since the washout last winter, and the reservoir is in a better condition than ever to hold up its end of domestic and industrial demands. The heavy drain on the city supplies which the fire of Wednesday occasioned did not visibly diminish the storage at Orange or the Bolster reservoir.

Goddard seminary had a jewelry mystery on its hands over night, to-day the theft of class rings, discovered late yesterday afternoon, was traced to downtown boys and the school breathed easier. Before noon the police had summoned two youngsters who were known to have frequented a room where the rings were concealed. The lads, after an earnest conference with the chief, confessed to the theft of four gold rings, telling in detail how they came to steal. They were bound for the seminary gym, according to their story, when a student advised them to tarry in the basement of the main building. While there their critical inspection of the furnishings afforded them an opportunity to seize the rings. The authorities have reserved decision in the case.

Last evening Mrs. Leon J. Carroll was invited out by a friend to go to the movies, and on returning to her home on North Main street found the house filled with friends and members of Harmon view, No. 1, of the Macabees, who had taken this occasion to give her a farewell reception. During the evening, Mrs. Angus McDonald, in behalf of the assembly, presented Mrs. Carroll a purse of money, and to Mrs. William A. Carroll two sets of bath towels and a sum of money. The evening was spent with music and games and light refreshments of sandwiches, cake and coffee were served. As the guests left, they wished their hostess good luck and best wishes for success in her new home. Mrs. Carroll leaves sometime next week for New Haven, Conn., to join her husband and youngest son, who have secured employment, and have been gone for several weeks. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. W. A. Carroll, will accompany her and make her home with them until the return of her husband, Private William A. Carroll, who is in France with the 26th division.

NEGOTIATIONS
RESUMED

Armistice Discussion Between
Teutons and Slavs
Are On

RUSSIANS CAME
TO BREST LITVOSK

German and Austrian Official Statements Say

Amsterdam, Dec. 14.—The official German and Austrian statements say that the Russian delegates arrived at Brest Litvosc Wednesday and that the armistice negotiations were resumed yesterday.

London, Dec. 14.—Leon Trotzky, Bolshevik foreign minister, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd, announced that if the armistice for the eastern front is signed at Brest Litvosc, Russian delegates are empowered to enter into peace negotiations.

FROZEN HYDRANTS
MADE LOSS BIGGER

Poultney Was Visited By Fire Loss of at Least \$75,000—Three Blocks Being Destroyed and Another Damaged.

Poultney, Dec. 14.—Three blocks in the business section of this village were destroyed and a fourth was badly damaged by water during a fire yesterday morning which caused a loss estimated from \$75,000 to \$100,000. The firemen were hampered because some of the hydrants were found to be frozen, and the fire gained great headway before water could be obtained.

The Tomasi block, formerly the Parker House block, the Horton block and the E. M. Bixby block were burned, while the Humphrey block was damaged by water. Among the heaviest losers were: Horton Hardware company, \$20,000 to \$25,000 of building and stock, insurance \$5,000; Newton & Davis, stock worth \$2,000, insurance \$800; J. B. Drew, stock loss \$4,000, partly insured; Merritt Carlton, stock loss \$5,000, insurance \$1,000; J. Tomasi, \$20,000 on building and stock, partly insured; E. M. Bixby, loss on building \$6,000, partly insured.

The cause of the fire, which is unknown, was discovered at 2:30 o'clock in the morning by Mrs. John Tomasi, who was awakened by smoke and found flames coming through the floor of their apartments in the Tomasi block.

This building was owned by Mr. Tomasi, who conducted a fruit store on the first floor. Merritt Carlton's jewelry store and Davis & Newton's meat market were also on the first floor of the building, which was of wood, three and a half stories in height.

There were several tenants on the upper floors, among them being Mr. and Mrs. William Woods, Mrs. Isabella Reed and John Demelle, and family, these occupants barely having time to make their escape, all of their personal belongings and furnishings being burned.

The block to the west, a two-story wooden structure, known as the E. M. Bixby block, was burned to the ground. On the ground floor was the drug store of J. B. Drew and the rooms upstairs were occupied by Charles Loukes and family.

The Horton block to the east of the Tomasi building was also destroyed. The ground floor was occupied by the hardware store of the owner, A. E. Horton. Dr. J. J. Derven and family lived on the second floor. Dr. Derven was able to save his office furniture and equipment and some house furnishings. On the third floor was a hall which was not in use.

SEVERAL AWARDS MADE

By the Commissioner of Industries in Barre Cases.

From the office of commissioner of industries, several orders relative to compensation and payments include: Norman McKenzie, injured at the E. L. Smith & Co. quarry Oct. 8, losing one-third the use of one foot, was awarded \$6.11 a week for a period of 40 weeks; Vincento Landre, injured at Jones Bros. Dec. 8, allowed total disability for two and one-half weeks and partial disability for 11 1/2 weeks, the sum in the latter case being \$7.63 per week. In the case of Murdo J. Murray, injured at the Consolidated Quarry Co., Barre, June 2, he was awarded \$8.46 a week for 33 1/2 weeks.

HELD DISTRICT MEETING.

N. E. O. P. Met at Montpelier with 150 Persons Present.

The district meeting of the New England Order of Protection, in conjunction with the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the order, was held with Standard lodge of Montpelier last evening, there being about 150 persons present. Waterbury, East Barre, Northfield, Barre and Montpelier lodges were represented. Daniel Sullivan of Boston, supreme warden, H. W. Scott of Barre, supreme vice-warden, P. J. Bagley of Bellows Falls, grand warden, L. A. Hollock of Northfield, grand vice-warden, C. A. Spear of Barre, grand treasurer, spoke, as did E. R. Clark of Standard lodge. A banquet was served. A feature of the entertainment was singing by Mrs. F. J. Taylor.

SPECIAL FACTORY INSPECTOR.

Lyman Swift of Manchester Appointed for Vermont.

RATHER SMALL DEMAND

For Citizenship Papers in Barre and Montpelier.

A two days' session of naturalization court in Barre and Montpelier ended last evening at Montpelier with a total of 16 second papers applied for and 13 first papers granted. For the most part they were granted to persons who have come to the country as British subjects, there being few from Italy.

First papers were granted in Barre to Edward A. Clark of Barre, native of Scotland, and Joseph Lacourse of Berlin, native of Province of Quebec.

Second papers were applied for in Barre as follows: Donald Morrison of Granville, native of Quebec; August Lehtonen of Granville, native of Finland; Rocco Medino of Westerville, Italy; William B. Cumming of Barre, Scotland; Miles H. Hunt of Plainfield, Quebec; Louis Bergeron of Barre, Quebec; Francis W. Gauld of Granville, Scotland; Joseph Readall of Barre, Italy; George Andrew of Barre, Scotland; Moses A. Boulrice of Barre, Quebec; Emory Landry of South Barre, Quebec; Ludovico Masti of Barre, Italy; George Chapman of Westerville, England; James Bishop of Westerville, Scotland; George Mearns of Westerville, Scotland.

The following were granted first papers in Montpelier: William H. Hurecomb of Burlington, England; Henry A. Smith of Duxbury, Quebec; Henry H. Arthur of Moretown, Quebec; Melville L. Lewis of Waterbury, Quebec; Arthur J. Smith of Montpelier, Quebec; Joseph J. Vano of Montpelier, Quebec; Edward Goodnow of Roxbury, Quebec; Arsene J. Breault of Brookfield, Quebec; Jasper D. Thompson of Middlesex, Quebec; Joseph Bishop of Berlin, Quebec.

Final papers were applied for at Montpelier by Louis Roberts of Montpelier, Quebec; Rinaldo Marchi of Montpelier, Italy; Pasquale Durant of Montpelier, Italy.

SMITH—DWINELL.

East Calais Young Woman Bride of Barre Man, Who Has Enlisted.

East Calais, Dec. 14.—A pretty home wedding occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Dwinell Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 12, when their eldest daughter, Irene Almira, was united in marriage to Victor Collins Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Smith of Barre, Rev. S. F. Blomfield of Montpelier performing the ceremony. Max Norton of Dartmouth college was groomsmen and Esther Dwinell, bridemaid. Majory Smith and Rachel Dwinell were flower girls, and Barbara Smith, ringbearer. The double ring service was used. Only the near relatives of the bride and groom were present.

Mr. Smith, having enlisted in the navy department of engineers as chief machinist's mate, expects to be called soon to France. Mr. Smith, who is preceptor and teacher of domestic science at Murphy college, Sevierville, Tenn., came home on a short leave of absence and expects to return to her duties after the holidays.

Gifts included money, silver, a clock and a gold hand chain, a dress that belonged to her grandmother, Mrs. Irene Dwinell, many small gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith left on a brief wedding trip. The best wishes of their many friends are with them.

SIVRET—STONE.

Barre People Married at St. Monica's Rectory To-day.

A pretty wedding occurred at the St. Monica's rectory at 10 o'clock this forenoon when Miss Nellie Frances Stone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tella Stone of the Bolster building, was united in marriage to James Bryant Sivret of Stoneville, Mass. The ceremony was performed by the parish priest, Rev. P. McKenna, and the couple were attended by Miss Lillian Burke and Dewey Stone, a brother of the bride. The bride's gown was of blue silk with silver trimmings and her hat was of white velvet with silver lace.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple returned to the bride's home, where a wedding breakfast was served. The bride is formerly employed as driver of the chemical engine at the fire station and completed his duties there recently and has now accepted a new position as assistant to Dr. Bancroft of South Barre. The bride has been engaged at the Barre Candy Kitchen. They received many handsome and useful presents. They are to make their home in South Barre.

FOUR WERE ACCEPTED

And Fifth Has Good Chance to Get into the Navy.

Chief Master at Arms Charles Mitchell has enlisted 95 men since he opened the recruiting office in Montpelier last February, which is a good showing for a territory like that of which he has the charge. Of course, there have been a great many more who have not passed the examinations.

As a result of his efforts Thursday nine persons appeared for enlistment, of whom four were passed to go to Burlington, while a fifth one will be passed when he gets his teeth in shape. Those who were accepted were: Ernest E. Anderson, Hugh K. Jones of Walden, C. C. Rollins of Newport and W. W. Matthews of Windsor. Those rejected were: F. A. Douglass of Royalton, A. M. Dunham of Calais, Roy Porter of Danville, W. F. Lalo of Williamstown, unless he gets his teeth fixed, and Outhbert Johnson of Windsor.

This morning J. E. Lambert of Barre and L. E. Hopkins, with Mr. Jones, who was examined yesterday, were sent to Burlington for their final examinations.

The blanks for the men who are in branches of service other than the army will also be sent to the men the first of next week, and as soon as these are returned and the claim proved the treasurer will commence paying those men. Each one of these must be treated individually, so the paying will be done as the claims are proved.

WILL GET OCTOBER PAY.

Soldiers Who Were in Service When August and September Pay Was Allowed.

State Treasurer W. F. Scott, who has been at his office in Montpelier getting ready for sending the money to the soldiers their state pay for the month of October, left this morning for his home. His department has arranged the matter so that those who were in service when the state paid for August and September will get their state pay of \$40 each for October.

The blanks for the men who are in branches of service other than the army will also be sent to the men the first of next week, and as soon as these are returned and the claim proved the treasurer will commence paying those men. Each one of these must be treated individually, so the paying will be done as the claims are proved.

\$47,000 STOLEN
BY FIVE MEN

State Bank at Lagrauge, Ill.,
Lost More Than First
Thought

ROBBERS CARRIED
OFF 200 POUNDS

It Was Found by Indemnity
Insurance Company in
Checking Up

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Two hundred pounds of money, totaling \$47,000, was carried off by five men who robbed the state bank at Lagrauge, a suburb, it became known to-day, when the indemnity insurance company had checked up the bank's cash. At first it was believed that only \$20,000 was obtained.

ONCE SOLD FOR \$1.10.

Farm on East Hill Has Many Transactions.

Something more than a legend attaches to the oft-told story of a piece of Barre realty, now encompassing several residential streets, that once sold for its taxes. And an old timer, returning to his native greenland on the east hill, experiences some of the same sensations which, it is to be assumed, might animate the returned shade of the man who once delivered Chubb's meadow, now known as Currier park, to the authorities for a mere pittance.

The story concerns the fat acres now owned by Mrs. William Thurston. In 1799 Ebenezer Harris refused to pay 90 cents for the farm. At least he reneged on a 90-cent tax and allowed it to be sold to satisfy the levy. Caleb Taft, then a stripling of 24, had the courage of youth, for he "bid in" the property for \$1.10. From that day until the present it has been owned by some of the Taft family, the present proprietress being a granddaughter of Caleb. When the property got its \$1.10 rating, it was a solid block of woods, and the wood of little value. Not enough land was cleared to raise a hill of potatoes. As a gambler Mr. Harris did not consider it worth 90 cents, but Caleb Taft had recently married Lois Carleton of Lyndeboro, N. H., whence came all of the Barre Carletons in years gone.

Family records show that the wedding trip of Caleb and Lois, from Lyndeboro to Barre, was made on a single horse. They desired a place that they might call home and on the young husband's new land purchased they established themselves. There they reared a family of seven, and there they died, Caleb Taft in 1840 and Lois, his wife, in 1827.

If the first 50 years showed great changes in acres, in tillage, in values, in the number of inhabitants, in markets and in roads, the last half-century had developed most unexpected changes in ownership. In 1860, the year before Lincoln's first inaugural, every farm in the northeastern part of the Barre township was owned by farmers of colonial stock. To-day, looking from the Taft home-stand, as it is known, one may discern the buildings of Scots, Swedes, of a German, of a Dane, a Frenchman, and Irishman, and a Spaniard. Says one who likes to meditate on the vast changes of the years: "These newcomers are as good farmers, as good friends and neighbors as were those of the old stock, but for an old timer, coming back, it takes a little time to get adjusted."

FUNERAL OF T. M. CARSON.

Was Attended By a Large Number of Friends.

The funeral of Thomas M. Carson, a highly respected resident of Barre, who passed away at his home, 14 Laurel street, Tuesday afternoon after a long illness, was held at the house yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The officiating clergyman was Rev. E. J. Lehigh, pastor of the First Baptist church, and those who acted as bearers were James Greason, W. W. Russell, Thomas Venable, Frank Rooney, Gordon Watson and Edwin Keast. During the services Fred Ingalls rendered two vocal selections, the accompaniments being played by Mrs. E. J. Batchelder. The attendance included members of the Manchester Unity Odd Fellows, with which the deceased was affiliated. Many flowers came as a tribute from various circles of acquaintances. Interment was made in Hope cemetery.

IS FEELING SATISFIED.

Private Ernest E. Anderson Writes to Barre Relatives from France.

From "somewhere in France" relatives of Private Ernest E. Anderson, a company, 29th engineers, have received a letter informing them of his safe arrival. Private Anderson writes as follows to Mrs. A. Gustafson of Washington:

Dear Sister and Family: Well, everything is lovely. We had a fine trip across. The weather was excellent. Food good and there is always something doing. We are now in camp, have a place to sleep and good food, so what more could a man ask for? On top of that, \$33 per. The climate is warmer than in the United States. I wish I could be with you for Christmas. Will close, with many regards to everybody. I know and a merry Christmas to the whole family.

Ernest E. Anderson.

SIX BIDS RECEIVED

For the New Dormitory to Be Erected at Randolph Center.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon bids were opened at the office of the state commissioner of education for the construction of a new dormitory at the state agricultural school in Randolph. The plans have been scaled down to meet the appropriation given by the legislature. Some of those who bid the first time did not this time, while new bidders appeared in the list, so that this morning there were a half-dozen bidders whose figures were turned in for the consideration of the committee from the educational department who were to open the bids.

DOKIES ELECTED
OFFICERS FOR YEAR

And Mingled Pleasure with Serious Business in Barre Last Night.

Dokies of Suddah temple, No. 140, D. O. K. K., in their first ceremonial since war was declared, inducted business and pleasure with a tone of solemnity and a touch of the sacred in Clan Gordon hall last evening. Officers were elected, candidates were safely escorted across the shimmering sands of the Sahara, and a luncheon something after the fashion recommended by the food administration was enjoyed. But in their informal moments the votaries talked of the war and discussed ways and means whereby the temple may contribute its bit to a victorious conclusion of the great struggle.

No rivalry existed in the distribution of offices, and the following office bearers for 1918 were elected without contest: Royal vizier, William H. Duthie of Barre; shiek, A. B. Shepard of Montpelier; mehed, Otto Bates of Montpelier; treasurer, James Mackay of Barre; secretar, C. M. Willey of Barre; satrap, Serg. Paul D. Leavitt of Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C. The retiring officers are: E. E. Campbell of Waterbury, past royal vizier, and Frank E. Austin of Barre, past secretary. Each of those two servants of the temple were given a vote of thanks.

The after-business gathering was featured by the customary ceremonial, in which a number of tyros tripped with trepidation over the hot sands of the great desert. The ceremony was of a most elaborate nature and the travelers who endured the dusty track to the near oasis are on the road to recovery after their strenuous journey.

All told nearly 100 votaries heard the trumpet call of the mehed as it sounded from the temple tower. Dokies hurried Barre-ward from White River Junction, Bellows Falls, Claremont, N. H., Hanover, N. H., Montpelier, Topsham and Waterbury, among other towns. After the ceremonial, a substantial if plain luncheon, composed largely of such wholesome cereals as rice, bean and corn, with only a sprinkling of such prescribed articles of diet as sugar and wheat, was served. Mrs. C. N. Benedict catering for the luncheon. Plans were discussed for another and bigger ceremonial in the spring. The local committee in charge of the entertainment consisted of W. H. Duthie, Frank E. Austin and E. E. Campbell of Waterbury.

PAVING COST \$31,207.69

Which Is \$1,700 Less Than Barre Citizens Voted for Bonds.

With the visible evidence of an intensive autumn campaign for the redemption of South Main street somewhat submerged under a foot of snow and more figures on the paving, curb and sidewalk project, the south end was given up by the street department to-day. Although motor pastimes, heavy teamsters and other leading lights in vehicular traffic may not appreciate the difference between traveling through mud and gliding over a smoothly paved highway; although pedestrians may not be able to compare dirt and dirty sidewalks with the cement-concrete article, until next spring, it will interest most of the taxpayers, in this era of high costs, to learn that the actual outlay was somewhat less than the original estimate, and smaller, too, than the sum authorized in the appropriation made mandatory by the voters at a special city meeting in the summer of 1916.

All told, the paving project represents an expenditure of \$31,207.69, some \$1,700 less than the amount for which the electorate voted to bond in the city meeting. This aggregate is exclusive of the sidewalk cost, which will amount to \$3,300 when the easterly side of the street is improved next spring in a manner to conform with the smoothly surfaced and carefully curbed westerly side. Even so, it also includes the money spent by the city on that share of the project which properly should have been financed by the Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power company. It is a matter of common knowledge that the company has abrogated its present franchise, and by reason thereof the city is paying the \$1,366.67 which the railroad was owing all moral and legal obligations to pay.

Whether that sum will eventually find its way into the city treasury, depends largely upon the mood in which the voters find themselves when, in a special city meeting to be called in the near future, they are asked to trade their privileges for the payment of a debt already justly incurred by the company.

Division of cost in the paving project alone finds the city liable for expenditures of \$23,071.02, as against the \$7,136.67, which represents the traction company's share. The cost is concerned with excavation, concrete, laying paving, hauling, cement, sand screening, stone blocks and extras. The city's share is divided as follows: Excavation, 2,205 cubic yards at 97 1/2 cents, \$2,148.88; concrete, 946.7 cubic yards at \$3.45, \$3,266.12; laying paving, 5,680 square yards at 65 cents, \$3,692.12; hauling, 946.7 cubic yards at 26 1/2 cents, \$24,985.98; cement, 1,467 barrels at \$2.10, \$3,070.70; sand, 1,537 cubic yards at 20 cents, \$307.40; screening, 473.4 cubic yards at 48 1/2 cents, \$22,938.78; stone, 880.4 cubic yards at 48 1/2 cents, \$42,435.35; blocks, 3,680 square yards at \$1.65, \$6,072.00; extras, \$500.49; total, \$23,071.02.

The cost which rightfully should be borne by the traction company is figured as follows: Excavation, 715.6 cubic yards at \$1.35, \$966.06; concrete, 323 cubic yards at \$3.82 1/2, \$1,236.88; laying paving, 1,333.8 square yards at 65 cents, \$866.97; hauling, 323 cubic yards at 26 1/2 cents, \$84.95; cement, 457 barrels at \$2.10, \$959.70; sand, 145 cubic yards at 20 cents, \$2,897.00; screening, 161.5 cubic yards at 48 1/2 cents, \$77.84; stone, 300.4 cubic yards at 48 1/2 cents, \$14,470.10; blocks, 1,333.8 square yards at \$1.65, \$2,200.77; extras, \$111.12; total, \$7,136.67.

At the annual meeting of Barreerie, No. 1573, Fraternal Order of Eagles, held last evening, the following officers were elected: Worthy president, David McDonald; worthy vice-president, Paul Bianchi; worthy chaplain, Louis Sassi; secretary, Charles A. Lundgren; treasurer, John S. Casabella; inside guardian, Arthur Nicora; outside guardian, Thomas Yenser; trustee for one year, A. M. Colby; trustee for three years, John Rowley; seric physician, Dr. William McFarland. Everything in the annual reports went to show that the Barreerie is in a flourishing condition, financially and numerically. The newly elected officers will be installed at a regular meeting on the second Thursday in January.

SNOW KNOCKED
OUT RAILROADS

Service on Central Vermont
and Montpelier & Wells